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In re Application of
Gina M. Biccellato, et al.
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(b)(5),
filed September 12, 2000, which is being treated as a petition
under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified
application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner requests that the application be withdrawn from issue
to permit abandonment for consideration of an Information
Disclosure Statement in a continued prosecution application filed
of even date.

The application is withdrawn from issue.

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on July 24,
2000, in the parent application is not refundable nor can it
be applied towards any new Notice of Allowance which may issue
on the CPA filed September 12, 2000.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at
(703) 305-9220.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for
processing of the CPA.

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